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Ms. Donna Shalala, Secretary
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Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to share my concerns about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated foods. I strongly believe it is my right to know what is in my food or how it has been treated.

Exposure to radioactive isotopes creates chemical changes in food. Just as we currently list ingredients so should treatment of food information be disclosed on the packaging. For produce, clearly marked posters should be displayed. If irradiation is so harmless, why is there such fear of truthfully acknowledging its use. Honesty is the best policy & I hope it is also our government's policy. We depend on you to tell us the truth. Don't let us down.

With thanks & good wishes,
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